

That's a Wrap!



The entrance to the new Crow Creek Tribal School (above). The dormitory (right) houses boys and girls in grades 7-12. Employee housing units (below) were built adjacent to the school.



Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Chairman Brandon Sazue (left) and OFMC Deputy Director Emerson Eskeels present parts of the opening ribbon to Crow Creek Tribal School students during the opening celebration in August.



Crow Creek Elementary School students (below) react to the ribbon cutting.



Video: Take a tour of the new Crow Creek Tribal School.

Maintenance Worker Jeff Swanson shows the hot water solar array atop the new dormitory.



ARRA-funded Replacement of Crow Creek Tribal School Opens; OFMC Architect Designs the Gym

The Crow Creek Tribal School in Stephan, S.D., was dedicated in August. The 85,510 square foot replacement school, which is designed for 393 students with a 23,977 square foot dormitory for 100 students, was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The National Park Service provided design/build services for the construction, marking the first project management assistance OFMC has received from a Department of the Interior bureau. The new K-12 campus was built adjacent to the old middle/high school and 15 miles away from the old Crow Creek Elementary School.

The new dormitory, serving students in grades 7-12, replaces a dormitory on the school's old campus that was demolished following a fire in 2005. Dormitory students had been living in modular buildings since the fire.

A 19,000 square foot gymnasium, designed by Indian Affairs architect Gordon Rosby, AIA, had already been constructed on the new campus. Until the April 2010 opening of the new gymnasium, Crow Creek had not had a gymnasium for over five years, since the demolition of its former gymnasium due to structural problems.

The school features ground source heat pump heating and cooling and a solar hot water array on the dormitory roof. It is designed for a LEED Silver for Schools rating and includes five employee quarters.



Great Plains Regional Facility Manager Gordon Rosby was the gym's architect.

The plaque in the Crow Creek gym entrance way.

